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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT : Potential Crisis Areas - Survey of Military Data Bases

1. OSR has been tasked by the DCI to survey the intelligence community's military data bases pertaining to potential crisis areas world wide, and to insure the availability of adequate data relating to such areas during critical periods.

2. The first step I plan to undertake will be the identification of "Potential Crisis Areas". Since situations are constantly changing I suggest that in identifying crisis areas and potential crisis areas that we look down the road for a period of one to two years. Also in the absence of a precise definition of a "crisis Area" I suggest we include those situations which have a bearing on US policy or interests or could have such a bearing.

3. The second step will be to determine what kinds of information your analysts will need in terms of military data to do the most effective job of analysis. For the present I am concerned only with the kinds of information needed and this should be as complete as possible on an all source basis.

4. The third step will be to determine how much of the desired information is presently available. This will mean somewhere in the Intelligence Community and not necessarily within the Agency alone.

5. Apart from the information outlined above I would appreciate any comments appropriate to the project which will make it more responsive in terms of individual analytical functions.

6. I am located in OSR in Room 3F39. My phones are [redacted] Your cooperation and assistance will be greatly appreciated.

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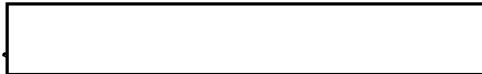
1. Listed below are a number of so-called "potential crisis areas". They are listed by geographic area for convenience. Would you please have your analysts check over this list and make appropriate additions or deletions. I would appreciate any additional comments. Send any responses to me in room 3F29. I would appreciate having these responses by 15 July when I return from two weeks leave.

ASIA

<u>Area</u>	<u>Countries Involved</u>
Sino-Soviet Border	USSR, PRC
Korean Peninsula	North and South Korea, US, China, USSR
South China Sea (Paracels, Spratleys, exploitation of marine resources and use of sea lanes through the area)	PRC, ROC, Philippines, S. Vietnam, Japan, US, USSR, Indonesia.
Yellow Sea (exploitation of marine resources)	China, North and South Korea.
Sino-India Border	China, India, possibly Pakistan
Indo-Pakistani Border	India, Pakistan (possibly China, USSR and even US
Taiwan Straits	PRC, ROC, US
India Ocean	India, USSR, Iran, US
Northern Islands Issue	USSR, Japan
Sino-Burma	PRC, Burma
Sino-Lao-Thai	PRC, Laos, Thailand
Internal Insurgencies	Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines.
Cambodia	Cambodia, Vietnam
Vietnam	North & South Vietnam, US, PRC, USSR

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MIDDLE EAST

Area

Countries Involved

Arab-Israeli

Israel, Egypt, Syria, USSR,
Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia

Greece-Turkey
(includes Cyprus)

Greece-Turkey

Iraq-Iran (Kurdish Problem)

Iraq-Iran, USSR

Pakistan-Afghan

Pakistan, Afghanistan, USSR,
India, PRC

Oil Producing Area

OPEC countries

EUROPE

Rumania

USSR, Rumania

Yugoslavia (includes possible
Tito succession problem and
confrontation with Italy over
long standing dispute over
Trieste.

Yugoslavia, Italy, USSR



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LATIN AMERICA

Peru-Chile

Peru, Chile, possibly Bolivia

Cuba

Cuba

Panama

Panama

Argentina

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AFRICA

Area

Countries Involved

Ethiopia-Somali

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Angola-Mozambique

Angola, Mozambique, Portugal

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